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From: Commander, San Francisco Naval Shipyard
To: Chief, Bureau of Ships (Code 348)

Subj: Samples from Crossroads vessels, Disposal of

Ref: (a) BuShips Conf ltr C-399-(O) 688 dtd 14 January 1947

1. Reference (a) directed that the samples be collected from Crossroads target vessels for future analysis, and for contamination and decontamination studies. These samples represent nearly every type of material found on the target vessels, and range in size from five and six foot sections of six inch salt water pipe, to small bottles of scale, etc.

2. It is believed that the samples are of no further scientific value, since a maximum of available experimental data has already been secured from them, and the remaining activity level is so low that it is no longer representative of hazardous AND contamination. Furthermore, the bomb shelter in which the samples are stored is needed for reconversion to its original state, and no other adequate storage facilities exist to which the samples can be moved.

3. It is therefore recommended that all of the samples collected from Crossroads target vessels be removed to the USS INDEPENDENCE, for ultimate sinking with that vessel. Bureau of Ships' concurrence is requested.

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